

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: S. T. Wong, et al.

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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE FOR ABANDONMENT TO
PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER § 1.97 IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION
(37 C. F. R. § 1.313(b)(5))**

Box 313b
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PETITION

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from
issue

PATENT ISSUE FEE

2. The issue fee for this case was paid on October 29, 1999

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

3. The reason for withdrawal from issue and abandonment of this application is for consideration of information in a continuing application.

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

4. The continuing application is filed as a continued prosecution application. (37 C. F. R. § 1.53(d)) (CPA)

FILING OF CONTINUING APPLICATION

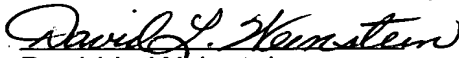
5. The continuing application claiming priority under 35 U. S. C. § 120 from this application is being filed on the same date as this petition. These papers accompany this petition.

PETITION FEE (37 C. F. R. 1.17(i))

6. Charge Account 01-0025 the sum of \$130.00. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

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